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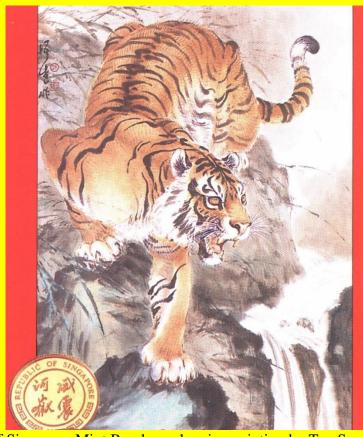


Photo of Singapore Mint Brochure showing painting by Tan Seng Yong

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President's Message

Summer is officially here and the weather has warmed. Many more of us are now attending shows, flea markets, yard sales, etc. We are all looking to enhance our personal collections and this is one of the major ways we do this. Please consider sharing your hobby activities with your fellow Maryland



State Numismatic Association (MSNA) members who also possess that "collector" passion. You could prepare a short article for our journal, The Numismatist. Write about any category of your collection or about your most recent find or the coin, paper, token, or medal in your collection that you cherish the most. Your fellow collectors would greatly appreciate this sharing.

I am pleased to let you know that even with the pandemic, your MSNA organization has been very active. We are working on our next Numismatic Exhibits for the Whitman Coin Show at the Baltimore Convention Center. We are working with the Whitman Company to see what future show works best for them based upon space availability. At some shows like the summer show, they lease less space. Keep tuned in for our plans for the next set of exhibits. This also would be a great chance for you to share some of your collections with the hobby world. You may even win a great prize for doing so.

We are actively reviewing the physical inventory of things that MSNA owns or has accumulated over the years. We are keeping some, donating some, etc. I am hoping that this mission can be completed by the end of the summer. Several of our members/officers are working very hard to complete this thankless task ASAP.

We are also actively involved in future planning to ensure that MSNA remains a viable and proactive member organization within the numismatic community. Please, when and if you get the opportunity, volunteer to help your fellow MSNA members in the above activities and more. If there is something that MSNA can do to support its members and member clubs, please contact us with your request.

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Tan Seng Yong's Tiger Commemoratives Singapore, 1986

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

Tan Seng Yong is an artist famous for his traditional Chinese brush paintings of tigers. Mr. Tan's native Singapore commissioned him to design the bullion coins for the 1986 Year of the Tiger. This design was so popular that the Singapore Mint added new denominations to the series, and also issued an uncatalogued bronze medal using the same tiger design.



Modern Singapore was founded in 1819 by Sir Stamford Thomas Raffles of the British East India Company, who purchased it from the Sultan of Johore. A group of islands off the tip of the Malayan peninsula, Singapore was administered as part of the Straits Settlements, which had its own coinage from 1845 to 1935. The straits were governed, along with most of India, by the British East India Company until after the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857-58. The British Crown then took over rule of India, though the India Straits had their own copper coinage in 1862. In 1867, the Crown Colony of the Straits Settlements was created, and a new copper and silver coinage began in 1871. Most of their banknotes showed a tiger on the back, like the 1935 dollar shown on the next page. In 1939, the colony was renamed Malaya, and coins issued from 1939-1950. Malaya was occupied by the Japanese during World War Two. In 1952, the British extended the common currency to North Borneo, Sarawak, and Brunei, all on the neighboring island of Borneo. Coins and notes were issued in the name of Malaya and British Borneo from 1953-1962. The British granted Singapore autonomy in 1959. Singapore joined the Malaysian Federation (which had become independent in 1957) on September 16, 1963 as one of 14 provinces, but declared independence on August 9, 1965. Singapore is one of the busiest ports in the world and has recently added high-technology industry to its specialties. Singapore has one main island and several smaller ones, originally with 225 square miles, but has reclaimed land from the sea and is now 270 square miles. The population is over 4 million, about three-fourths of Chinese ancestry (which was part of the reason for the split from Malaysia, where Chinese are only a quarter of the populace). The Singapore Mint provides coinage for a number of countries.



Originally, all precious-metal coins were bullion. The government stamp on them simply guaranteed their metal content. It soon became apparent that people valued money for its own sake, and the metal content varied from the original. So even coins whose names are the same as weights no longer contained that amount of gold or silver: drachms, pennies, pounds, or zloty. The large amounts of silver mined from Nevada caused most of the world to abandon the silver standard in the 1870s, and World War One and the Great Depression killed the gold standard. By then, economists had discovered that money had a supply and demand of its own that had nothing to do with metal content, but was instead measured by interest paid on deposits or charged for loans. In fact, metal content frequently interfered with money serving as a medium of exchange, for whenever some crisis caused metal prices to rise, money would disappear from circulation and it became hard to conduct commerce. Still, people preferred government-issued gold coins for their metal investments over privately produced bars and ingots, and the trade in century-old coins from Europe and America flourishes even today. It was not until 1967, how-



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ever, that a country came up with the idea of issuing coins specifically for the bullion market. South Africa introduced the Krugerrand with a weight of exactly one Troy ounce, which facilitated investment since the price of gold is always quoted in Troy ounces. When the gold market heated up in 1979 due to wild speculation (instigated by the Hunt Brothers' attempt to corner the silver market), Canada started issuing the gold maple leaf in one ounce and fractions. The next year, South Africa added fractions to their Krugerrand series. Other countries quickly entered the market, including Singapore in 1983 and the United States in 1986. The large-size bullion coin market was just starting at that time. China introduced the one pound gold bullion coin in 1984, and the Isle of Man introduced the five-ounce gold the following year. Both China and Singapore started issuing five-ounce silver bullion pieces in 1985. The Singapore tiger coins were the first multi-ounce bullion zodiac coins.

The Chinese calendar is almost five millennia old and is tied to the stars. There are 28 primary constellations, one for each day of the lunar month. Four of these constellations rule the quadrants and seasons. There is a legend that Buddha called all the animals to a feast before he died, and the twelve that came were given rule over a year. The tiger is the third of the twelve-year cycle. The Chinese calendar actually uses sixty-year cycles, with each of twelve animals paired with one of five elements. The year consists of twelve or thirteen lunar months; the extra month is added about every 32 months. The new year starts on the second new moon after the winter Solstice, which is mid-January through mid-February. The year 4684 (February 9, 1986 to January 28, 1987 of the Gregorian calendar) combined the element fire (in its aspect of lightning) with the tiger.

Hong Kong issued the first Chinese zodiac series. The year after a successful \$1000 near half-ounce gold commemorative for the Queen's visit, Hong Kong issued a similar \$1000 Year of the Dragon coin. This series ended after its twelfth issue in 1987. Macao, another European-controlled Chinese island, started issuing silver and gold zodiac coins with the Year of the Goat in 1979. The number of gold denominations has increased over time. Although Macao went back to China in 1999, they continued the zodiac series of coins denominated in patacas. Singapore started producing their series of base metal, silver, and gold dollar-denominated zodiac coins in 1981, but the Sindollar and Singold bullion series started in 1984, with the new sixty-year cycle. By then, the People's Republic of China had started their own silver series, to which gold and platinum were

later added. Singapore issued two kinds of Year of the Tiger coins in 1986. The regular commemorative coinage portrayed a tiger walking right. The ten dollar crown was issued in pure nickel and also .500 fine silver with a half Troy ounce of silver. The hundred dollar coin contained a half Troy ounce of fine gold. Since 1986, a large number of countries, many outside of Asia, have begun issuing Chinese zodiac coins.



Mr. Tan Seng Yong

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Tan Seng Yong was 43 when he was chosen to design the Singapore tiger bullion coins. A native of Singapore, Mr. Tan got a bachelors in fine art at Taiwan University, where he first started specializing in tiger brush paintings. His first show was in 1973 back in Singapore. To make his portrayals realistic, Mr. Tan studies tigers in the flesh and from films. The above photo is from an Exxon calendar featuring Tan's artwork.

The Singapore bullion zodiac series started in 1984 (Year of the Rat), the first year of the 79th cycle, and ended in 1995 (Year of the Boar). All these pieces have the poem *the great power shocks mountains and rivers* on the reverse. Mr. Tan's tiger walks down and forward with head turned ¾ right, and bamboo leaves are on the (viewer's) left. These coins are very popular, in part because of the Chinese tradition that the image of a tiger will scare away demons. In addition to the one ounce silver and fractional

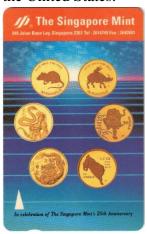
ounce gold coins that had been minted since 1984, the tiger bullion coins introduced the five ounce silver, one ounce and one pound gold, and one ounce platinum. Only the Year of the Dragon coins of 1988 included more denominations (a pound silver and five ounce gold), as the dragon is also a very popular Chinese symbol. The gold coins were minted from January through April, 1986. The one pound gold was only sold at the first Singapore International Coin Convention (cosponsored by the Singapore Mint) in February 1987. At the time, all tiger coins commanded a substantial premium over melt. Most of the tiger bullion coins are readily available today for a small premium; the one ounce platinum and one pound gold are scarcer (and many may have been melted down with the recent jump in bullion prices), while the bronze medal is difficult to find. The details on the Tiger Year coinage are:

Denomination	Weight	Diam.	Catalog	Mintage	Years Issued
Bronze medal		39mm	not listed	unknown	unknown
Silver 1 oz.	1 ounce	39mm	MB13	10,000	1984-1995
5 oz.	5 ounces	64mm	MB14	5,500	1986-1995
5 Singold	.05 ounce	14mm	MB15/KM55	20,000	1984-1995
10 Singold	.10 ounce	18mm	MB16/KM56	20,000	1984-1995
25 Singold	.25 ounce	22mm	MB17/KM57	10,000	1984-1995
50 Singold	.5 ounce	27mm	MB18/KM58	13,500	1984-1995
100 Singold	1 ounce	31mm	MB19/KM61	15,000	1986-1995
Gold 12 oz.	1 pound	64mm	MB20	250	1986-1995
Platinum 1 oz.	1 ounce	32mm	MBA21	1,000	1986, 1988
Note: the years issued refers to all the zodiac signs from rat to hoar					





The same tiger that appears on the bullion coins also appears on a bronze medal with a different reverse (the single character fu *good fortune*). These were sold by the Singapore Mint in lucky red cards and red envelopes. While the precious metal coins were heavily exported, the bronze medals were only sold in Singapore and very few have made it to the United States.



The Currency Act of 1967 established the Board of Commissioners of Currency, Singapore, which in turn created the Singapore Mint the next year. In 1993, the Singapore Mint commemorated its 25th anniversary by authorizing Singapore Telecom to issue special \$2 phone cards, like the one shown here. The Mint's address and phone numbers are given at top (no longer current), and the first six half-ounce Singold coins are shown in a circle starting at 11 o'clock with the 1984 Year of the Rat. The tiger coin is at three o'clock.



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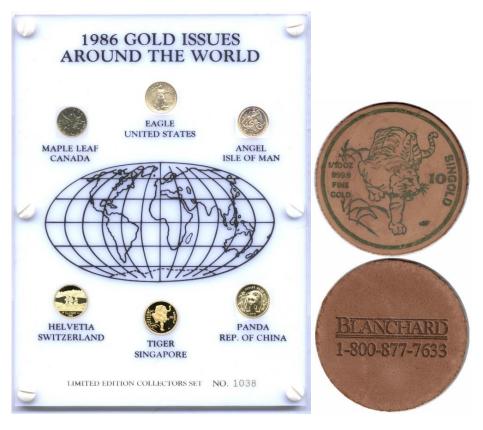
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Blanchard, an American precious metals dealer, issued a special set of 1986 coins containing one each of the tenth ounce U.S. American eagle, Canadian maple leaf, Chinese panda, Isle of Man angel, Swiss Helvetica, and Singapore tiger coins. (By 1986, eight countries were minting gold tenth-ounce coins; the countries left out of the set are South Africa and Australia.) This set was probably issued to commemorate the U.S. entrance into the gold bullion market that year. Over a thousand of these sets were sold, but most were broken up. The set also came with a set of six suede coasters portraying each coin's obverse.



On the next page is a special folder created by the Calhoun Collectors' Society in 1988 featuring a 5 singold (1/20 ounce) tiger coin. In the mid-1970s, the Calhoun's Collector Society of Edina, Minnesota was founded to issue and market a number of odd collectibles, particularly ceramic plates and gold foil copies of postage stamps. They also issued commemorative sets of official, government-issued postage stamps, first-day covers, and coins.

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The Gold Tiger Coin

evered for its strength, beauty and cunning, yet feared for the very same reasons, the tiger once roamed across much of Asia. The largest of all the world's cats, it represented the epitome of strength, cunning and wildness. Solitary and nocturnal, tigers could be found wherever there was water, prey and tall grass or trees for concealment. Today, however, there are probably only a few thousand of the majestic animals left in India, parts of Southeast Asia, and Russia's

In the Chinese lunar calendar, the third year of the twelve-year cycle is ruled by the tiger. According to Chinese belief, each person is endowed with the characteristics of the animal ruler of his birth year. Those people born in the year of the tiger are said to be strong, daring, passionate and dynamic, though short-tempered and powerful enemies.

Your 1986 Singapore tiger gold proof coin portrays the "lord of all land animals" in a bold design of power and beauty. Taken from an original work of art by Singapore artist Tan Seng Yong, the ferocious, stalking tiger appears ready to pounce at any moment. Captured in the shimmering beauty of a gold proof coin, this Year of the Tiger gold coin is a masterful tribute to the aweinspiring tiger.

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Certificate of Authenticity The Singapore Tiger Gold Proof Coin

his is to certify that the gold coin accompanying this certificate is a genuine issue of the Singapore Mint and contains 1/20 of an ounce of 99.99 percent pure gold. The 1986 Singapore Tiger Gold Proof Coin is certified to be in perfect Proof State condition and sealed in the official mint packaging.

Calhoun's Collectors Society



This commemorative bowl was hand crated in polyresin by Suanti Galleries of China. It is not known if the tiger image was licensed from Mr. Tan, but it obviously was inspired by his design. It is very high relief sculpture.

These tiger coins are still very popular, and can be found on line or from many dealers in the United States. Premiums over melt vary from 25% to 100%. Even the scarce platinum coin is listed regularly on eBay. The medals and phone cards, however, are very difficult to find, as are the Blanchard gold set and suede coasters.

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The **Washington Numismatic Society** showed videos from YouTube in March, on rare US notes in the Joel Anderson collection, and on Memphis paper money show. In April, President **Simcha Kuritzky** gave the talk *Monetizing the Bible: Israel's Biblical Art Coin Series*. **Bob Hale** spoke in May on the U.S. Mint in WWII minting coins for many nations.

Coin Club Meeting Calendar (most months)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Coin Show Results

The American Numismatic Association (ANA) held their spring show in a resort in Colorado Springs March 10-12. They held a members' reception at the ANA Headquarters there celebrating the opening of their new exhibit on medallic art.



MSNA life member Michael Shutterly won Best of Show with his exhibit Shining Light in an Age of Darkness. He also received third-place Best of Show for The Greatest Battle You (Probably) Never Heard of. His exhibit Great Art in the Palm of Your Hand received first place in the National Coin Week class.



MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky's exhibit *Engraved Coins of the Abrahamic Faiths* won first place in the Arts, *The Roaring of Megiddo* won second place in Geography, *Israel's Coin Designs* won third place in Economics, and *The Heh Amulet* won third place in Common Elements.

The Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists (PAN) held their Spring coin show May 19-21 at their usual location in Monroeville, just east of Pittsburgh.



Presenting the award is MSNA life member Tom Corey. MSNA Editor and Treasurer Simcha Kuritzky's exhibit on feline paper money won third place in paper money and his exhibit on Israel coin designs won first place in world coins.

What's Your Sign?

Part Fifty-One: Charms

by Simcha Kuritzky, NLG

This time I am showing three different sets of charms. These are small enough to wear on a charm bracelet or on earrings. The first set is sterling silver, 18mm diameter without the loop and weighs around 3 grams (my set varies between 2.9 and 3.7 grams). The obverse is very simple with the zodiac sign and a small sigil. The only aspect that's a bit unusual is that Gemini, based on the Dioscuri brothers, look more like young women and Aquarius has long curly hair like a woman. Traditionally these signs are shown as male. The reverse has the Latin name above, the ruling planet's sigil, and the dates below. At the very bottom are three counterstamps: STERLING, ©, and a windsail-type cross hallmark. These appear to be applied by hand as the hallmark and copyright symbol are in different positions on different charms.





This chart combines the inscriptions from both sets of charms:

Zoo	diac Sign	Set 1 Planet	1 Dates	2 Attribute
φ	Aries	♂ Mars	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	Courageous
ឋ	Taurus	♀ Venus	Apr. 20 – May 20	Trustworthy
П	Gemini		May 21 – June 20	Intelligent
ස	Cancer	Moon	June 21 – July 22	Imaginative
N	Leo	○ Sun	July 23 – Aug. 22	Generous
m	Virgo		Aug. 23 – Sept. 22	Practical
<u>Ω</u>	Libra	♀ Venus	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	Charming
M,	Scorpio	♂ Mars	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	Passionate
×	Sagittarius	4 Jupiter	Nov. 22 – Dec. 21	Optimistic
1/3	Capricorn	h Saturn	Dec. 22 – Jan. 19	Ambitious
*	Aquarius	₩ Uranus	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	Friendly
€	Pisces	₩ Neptune	Feb. 19 – Mar. 20	Intuitive

The second set of charms are 17.5mm in diameter but thicker, so they average 4 grams each. The ones I have range in weight from 3.5 to 5 grams. The obverse has the sign with large name in Latin, and one to three five-pointed stars. The reverse has a large sigil in the center and a one-word attribute of those born under the sign. Below are three hallmarks showing that they are made of sterling silver: S, 925, and ©. These are incuse and added by hand. Most are at the bottom but my Gemini has the hallmarks around the central sigil. This set also exists in bronze without the hallmarks, and a weight of 3.2 grams.





The characteristics are similar to those used on other medal sets, although Leos elsewhere are described as Courageous, Trustworthy, and Friendly, here attributed to Aries, Taurus, and Aquarius. The only sign other medals have described as Intelligent is Aquarius (here it's Gemini). This set describes Cancer as Imaginative but three other sets apply that term to Pisces (both water signs). While several sets describe Leos as Generous, other sets apply that term to Taurus and Gemini. Similarly for Virgo's Practicality, other sets assign it to Taurus, Scorpio, and Capricorn. Three other sets also apply Passionate to Scorpio, but that term is applied elsewhere to Taurus and Leo. Optimism is associated here and in other sets with Sagittarius, but the term is associated elsewhere with Aries and Taurus. Three sets agree Capricorns are Ambitious, but others say Leo and Scorpio are. Intuitive is attributed here and in one other set to Pisces, but other sets also apply that term to Aries and Cancer. So while there are standards for associating zodiac signs with planets, elements, days of the week, and colors, associating personality attributes with zodiac signs seems to be free wheeling.

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The last series has two zodiac symbols, one on each side, six months apart, so the Aries is on the other side of Libra, Taurus is with Scorpio, and so on. I believe these are from Italy and were sold on charm bracelets. Each sign with a handful of randomly placed five-pointed stars is nearly surrounded by a dotted border, broken at the bottom by the Latin name. These appear to be silver-plated brass or white metal. They are 20mm in diameter and weigh around 2.6 grams.





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Maryland Coin Show Dates

All shows have free admission. Only the Whitman show does <u>not</u> have free parking. All shows are subject to cancellation due to the pandemic; check before going.

- **9-11 June Whitman Baltimore Coin & Currency Convention**, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street; Thu 2-6, Fri-Sat 10-6, Sun. 10-3.
- **25-26 June Frederick Coin and Currency Show,** Elk Lodge #684, 289 Willowdale Drive, Frederick, MD; 9-4:30.
- **14 Aug. Catonsville Coin Club Show**, Knights of Columbus Hall, 1010 Frederick Road (1 mile from I-695), Catonsville, MD; 10-4.
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